

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A protective case for a disc-shaped data carrier having a circular profile, said case comprising a bottom panel and a top panel which enclose between them a holding space delimited by lateral walls to accommodate the data carrier, an end face of the protective case being provided with an insertion slot for inserting the data carrier into or removing the data carrier from the holding space; said lateral walls being provided with guides for the data carrier which support the data carrier spaced a distance from the bottom panel of the protective case, a cut-out which opens at the end face provided with the insertion slot provided in the top panel for gripping the data carrier, said guides having interruptions in an area just behind the edge of the insertion slot in the lateral walls which delimit the insertion slot on both sides, said interruptions providing access for insertion of an insert into a space between the guides and the ~~base-plate~~ bottom panel, wherein the bottom panel has a circular segment-shaped recess adjacent the insertion slot, said recess forming an inclined curved edge, and wherein the inclination of the edge on the bottom panel forms an elevation which drops in an inclination to the level of the bottom panel from the beginning of the interruptions of the guides on both sides of the case.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) A protective case according to claim 1, wherein the guide is in the form of a V-shaped groove.

5. (Original) A protective case according to claim 1, further comprising at least one resilient tongue provided in at least one guide for exerting a clamping action on the data carrier.

6. (Original) A protective case according to claim 1, further comprising means for closure of the insertion slot.

7. (Original) A protective case according to claim 6, wherein said closure means comprise a slipcase which can be pushed onto the protective case.

8. (Original) A protective case according to claim 6, wherein said closure means comprise a folding cover affixed to the protective case.